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Entitled: ELECTRONIC BALLAST WITH
CONTROLLED-MAGNITUDE OUTPUT VOLTAGE

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Applicant provides the following response to Examiner's
Office Action dated 09/21/95.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant has amended his original claims and added two new claims. All the claims as presently pending are provided by way of the attached document entitled AMENDED CLAIMS in Serial No. 08/251,125.

To cover the added independent claim, a check (#5533) for \$39.00 is enclosed herewith.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Examiner's initial office action was clearly deficient in that it was based on a prior art reference (Zansky) with a priority date later than that of the claims of instant application.

Yet, while indeed providing another rejection based on earlier prior art references, Examiner did not respond to Applicant's arguments in support of his position to the effect that Zansky was inapplicable as a prior art reference due to inappropriate priority date. Yet, Examiner continues to apply Zansky -- without any form of explanation or rebuttal of Applicant's arguments.